



# INVOLUNTARY LIEN TRANSFERS AND ABANDONMENT OF PROPERTY TO A LANDLORD

MV2881 2/2013 ss. 342.18(2) and 342.19, Stats.  
(Combines forms MV2878, MV2879, MV2880, and MV2887)

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

A vehicle sold and transferred as a result of any of the following involuntary liens or abandonment of property to a landlord will receive a new certificate of title in the name of the transferee as owner. Only if the transfer constitutes a termination of the original owner's interest or a sale under a security agreement **by a secured party named on the certificate of title**, under s. 342.17 (2) Stats., shall the new certificate of title be issued free of the secured parties who terminated the original owner's interest and of all secured parties subordinate under s. 342.19 Stats., to such secured party. Otherwise, the new certificate of title in the name of the transferee as owner as a result of any of the following involuntary liens or abandonment of property to a landlord shall reflect any perfected security interest(s) appearing on the original owner's certificate of title.

You must read and sign in the appropriate box certifying your authorization to enforce the lien or abandonment of property to a landlord and therefore dispose of the vehicle in accordance with the Wisconsin State Statutes. Access to the Wisconsin State Statutes may be found online at the following web site: [www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/stats.html](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/stats.html)

## INVOLUNTARY LIEN TRANSFERS

### Mechanic

I am a **mechanic** who has prepared a written repair order that clearly and legibly describes the repairs authorized by the customer, and who has given the vehicle owner notice of the charges for storing the vehicle on a signed service order. I have given **each owner, all other person(s) responsible for the debt and lien holder(s) on record** at the Department of Transportation notification of the charges due in order to reclaim the vehicle, and notification of the time and place of the sale in accordance with ss. 409.611(3), 409.613, and 409.614, Stats.

**X**

Ref. ATCP 132.03(1), ss. 779.41, 779, 48(2), ch. 409, Stats.

(Authorized Signature)

(Date – m/d/yy)

### Towing

I am a **motor carrier holding a permit to perform towing services, a licensed motor vehicle salvage dealer or a licensed motor vehicle dealer who performs vehicle towing services** and who has given the vehicle owner notice of the charges for storing the vehicle on a signed service order or has a sign posted in a conspicuous place in the garage easily readable at a distance of fifteen feet. I have given **each owner, all other person(s) responsible for the debt and lien holder(s) on record** at the Department of Transportation notification of the charges due in order to reclaim the vehicle, and notification of the time and place of the sale in accordance with ss. 409.611(3), 409.613 and 409.614, Stats. If the value of the vehicle **exceeds \$750**, the lien may be enforced under s. 779.48(2), Stats. If the value of the vehicle **does not exceed \$750**, the lien may be enforced by sale or junking as provided in s. 779.415(2), Stats.

**X**

Ref. ss. 779.415, 779.43(3), 779.48(2), ch. 409, Stats.

(Authorized Signature)

(Date – m/d/yy)

### Self-Service Storage

I am a **self-service storage operator** who has given notice to the lessee, who is under default of a written rental agreement, at the lessee's last known address stating the daily charges for storage due in order to reclaim the vehicle and notification of the intent to dispose of the vehicle by sale or other appropriate means in accordance with ss. 704.90(3), 704.90(5), 704.90(6), 704.90(8), Stats.

**X**

Ref. s. 704.90, Stats.

(Authorized Signature)

(Date – m/d/yy)

## ABANDONMENT OF PROPERTY TO A LANDLORD

### Landlord

I am a **landlord** who has given written notice to the tenant at the time the tenant entered into a rental agreement on \_\_\_\_\_, and, if applicable, renewed the rental agreement on \_\_\_\_\_, that I will not store any personal property including a vehicle that the tenant leaves behind or otherwise abandons when they vacate the premises. If I have not given such written notice, I have complied with s. 704.05, 2009 Stats., with respect to the vehicle abandoned by the tenant when that tenant moves. Further, I have given notice of my intent to dispose of the vehicle by sale or other appropriate means to the tenant and any secured parties recorded on the vehicle title of which I have actual notice, personally or by regular or certified mail addressed to their last known address.

**X**

Ref. s. 704.05, Stats.

(Authorized Signature)

(Date – m/d/yy)

## TO VERIFY OWNERSHIP AND/OR LIEN HOLDER INFORMATION

- If the vehicle is titled in Wisconsin and you have not yet verified ownership/lien holder's information, as required by law, you *may* be able to use form MV2896 *Vehicle/Driver Record Information Request* to obtain this information.
- If the vehicle is no longer on record with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, you will need to contact the Research & Information Unit at (608) 266-1466 or [vehiclequestions@dot.wi.gov](mailto:vehiclequestions@dot.wi.gov) for information on alternative procedures.
- When the vehicle is from another state, you will need to contact that state to obtain ownership/lien holder's information on record. You may use our web site [www.wisconsinmv.gov](http://www.wisconsinmv.gov) to link to other out of state's web sites.
- If this vehicle was last titled in a state other than Wisconsin, please send proof of the current owner(s) on record, including lien holder information.

## TO JUNK A VEHICLE

- Submit this form completed by you indicating on the other side that your intent is to junk the vehicle.

<b>DISPOSITION OF THE VEHICLE</b> (please check one)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Sold to Purchaser Identified <input type="checkbox"/> Title in Business Name <input type="checkbox"/> Junked					
<b>VEHICLE INFORMATION</b>					
Vehicle Year		Vehicle Make		Vehicle Style	
State in Which Vehicle is Titled					
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)					
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">1</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">2</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">3</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">4</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">5</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">6</div>
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">19</div>					
Recorded Name of Vehicle Owner			Recorded Name of Vehicle Co-Owner		
Recorded Name of Lien Holder(s)			Lien Release(s) Received and are Attached <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
<b>SALE INFORMATION</b>					
Business Name/Seller Name			Purchaser Name		
Address			Address		
City, State, ZIP Code			City, State, ZIP Code		
(Area Code) Telephone – Daytime			(Area Code) Telephone – Daytime		
<b>SALE TYPE</b> (please check one)					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PUBLIC*</b>		Date of Sale	Sale Price	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PRIVATE*</b>	
*A <i>public sale</i> is an auction in which the public is invited by advertisement to appear for the purpose of bidding on the vehicle.			*A <i>private sale</i> is any sale in which the public is <b>not</b> invited by advertisement to appear for the purpose of bidding on the vehicle.		
A vehicle cannot be transferred to a lien enforcer by a mechanic, motor carrier, or self-service storage operator by means of a private sale.					
<p>I agree to protect and indemnify the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in any claim arising out of the issuance of a title in the name of the purchaser at the sale on the above-described vehicle.</p> <p>I also certify by signing this form that, to the best of my knowledge the information and statements on this form are true and correct. I have acknowledged that falsifying information provided on this document could result in a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for up to five (5) years.</p>					
_____ (Print – Seller's Name)		<b>X</b> _____ (Seller's Signature)		_____ (Date – m/d/yy)	
<b>TO OBTAIN A WISCONSIN TITLE</b>					
The purchaser must submit this form completed by the lien enforcer or landlord and an MV1 Wisconsin Title and License Plate Application along with the appropriate fees to: <b>Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Research &amp; Information Unit, PO Box 8070, Madison, WI 53708-8070</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the vehicle is less than ten model years old, you are required to submit a completed MV2488 Vehicle Transfer and Odometer Mileage Statement. This form may be obtained from a Division of Motor Vehicles customer service center or by contacting the Research &amp; Information Unit. Photocopies of form MV2488 are not acceptable. s. 342.155(1), Stats.</li> <li>You may obtain the MV1, MV2881, and MV2896 forms online using the following web site:  <a href="http://www.wisconsin.gov/drivers/vehicles/veh-forms/htm">http://www.wisconsin.gov/drivers/vehicles/veh-forms/htm</a> </li> </ul>					
<b>SERVICE MEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACTS</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A person holding a lien on the property or effects of a service member may not, during any period of military service of the service member and for 90 days thereafter, foreclose upon or enforce any lien on such property or effects without a court order granted before foreclosure or enforcement. 50 App. U.S.C.A. s. 537.</li> <li>No person may knowingly seize or retain personal property belonging to a service member who lawfully terminates a lease under this subsection, or in any manner interfere with the removal of the service member's personal property from the premises covered by the lease, for the purpose of subjecting the personal property to a claim for rent accruing after the termination of the lease. Any person who violates this paragraph shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 9 months or both. s. 321.62(14)(e), Stats.</li> </ul>					
<b>QUESTIONS – For additional information contact the Research &amp; Information Unit at          (608) 266-1466, M–F 7:30 am to 4:30 pm or email <a href="mailto:vehiclequestions@dot.wi.gov">vehiclequestions@dot.wi.gov</a>.</b>					